

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1. This sheet, which includes Fig. 1 replaces the original sheet including Fig. 1.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

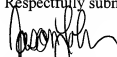
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A Quayle Action was issued in the present case on the following formal matter: the figures did not sufficiently show the time and expenses database being a single access point for a plurality of independent software applications, as well as a first file of a first format for a payroll system and a second file of a second format for an accounts payable application. The specification has been amended to include reference numbers where appropriate to indicate such features in the figures. The figures also have been updated with these reference figures, as well as adding the appropriate elements to the figures where necessary. For example, the independent programs payroll import program 170 and payroll-processing program 180 were already shown in Fig. 1, but Applicants have added projects program 142 and accounts payable program 132 as discussed with respect to Fig. 1 in paragraph [0015]. The figure has also been updated to show the files for the payroll data 122 for the payroll program and the expense data 117 for the accounts payable program, as discussed in paragraphs [0023] and [0025]. Fig. 1 also shows that the time and expenses database 105 acts as a single access point for these applications, as a user 150 must pass therethrough. These amendments are supported by the specification, do not add new matter, are made for purposes of clarity, and are not intended to alter the scope of the claims or limit any equivalents thereof. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the objections to the drawings be withdrawn and the application allowed to issue.

CONCLUSION

Entry of this amendment is respectfully urged since it merely cures a formal defect in one of the claims and does not touch the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX